

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Taisuke HIROOKA et al. Application No.: 10/559,704 Confirmation No.: 1845 Filing or 371(c) Date: December 7, 2005 Title: SUBSTRATE FOR THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SUBSTRATE	Art Unit: 2627  Examiner: C. Garcia
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement issued on July 21, 2009, Applicant elects Group I, including claims 23-39 and 44 for prosecution in the present application. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant hereby reserves the right to file a Divisional Application to pursue prosecution of the non-elected claims.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 5, 2009

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